



## Godsend App

### A. Overview

#### 6 Called?

For a Messy Church to start and continue well, experience says you will need to find two or three other people with a similar calling, who share your passion and are prepared to own the new venture as their own and work as a team to make it happen. If you have a solid core team, you can add on a wider team of people who may – at first! – be less committed.

These people may not be the obvious ones: unexpected people may be called to join in – somebody right at the start of faith or even with no articulated faith at all can be a great leader in Messy Church; a much younger person can be called, as might a much older person. Messy Churches are led by creative 8-year-olds alongside faith-filled 85-year-olds, women, men, children, teens. It's why praying and space to listen from the very start is so important: you don't want to miss out on opportunities to make the team itself a disciple-making community.

The Deepening Discipleship pilot (2019–20) showed that intentionally investing in a group of 10–16-year-olds, as they helped and led at Messy Church, had a big impact on their own faith journeys, as well as being role models for younger children belonging to the Messy Church.